Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 11 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 12 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 11 Dec 2021 at 03:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled changeable conditions through the forecast period, but confidence lowering in the timing and extent of worst of weather from late Sunday onwards.

Headline for Saturday 11 Dec 2021: Dull with rain, heavy at times and gales for much of Saturday, clearing to showers late in day.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 11 Dec 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Dull	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
50%	80%	80%	80%	40%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 11 Dec 2021

Weather: Dull and overcast with outbreaks of heavy rain, and early summit snow, through the morning and early afternoon. Clearing to occasional showers in the evening, these wintry over the highest summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 20% becoming 70% in the evening.

Visibility: Moderate to very poor for much of the day in the rain and snow, then sporadically so in later showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/34 S	42/52 SE	35/45 S	38/47 S	33/43 SW	32/42 SW	33/43 SW
900	21/28 S	30/37 S	23/31 S	25/34 S	25/35 SW	25/35 SW	23/33 SW
600	30/36 S	34/42 SE	27/35 S	29/37 S	26/35 SW	27/36 SW	25/35 SW
300	15/23 S	20/31 SE	13/21 S	13/21 S	13/23 SW	13/23 SW	13/21 SW
Glen	4/12 SW	8/16 S	9/18 S	12/23 SW	12/25 SW	11/24 SW	12/25 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-12	-2/-12	-0/-9	2/-6	1/-7	0/-8	-1/-9
900	-1/-8	-1/-9	1/-6	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	2/-5
600	2/-6	5/-1	5/-1	6/0	6/0	5/-1	4/-2
300	4/-0	4/-1	6/2	7/4	8/4	7/3	6/3
Glen	5/3	5/2	7/4	8/6	9/7	9/6	8/5
Freezing Level*	800m	1200m	2300m	1900m	1200m	1200m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Difficult conditions with the significant wind chill in summit gales, coupled with quite extensive hill fog and driving rain, perhaps also blizzards during the early morning across the highest peaks.

Forecast for Sunday 12 Dec 2021
Weather: Dry start, with cloud soon increasing from the south, bringing an area of mostly light and patchy rain and summit snow for the late morning, afternoon and evening, with summit winds increasing to severe gale across higher peaks for the evening.

Maximum wind: South to southwest increasing from early evening, becoming late evening mean 40-45mph with gusts reaching 65mph across more exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90% lowering 30% from early afternoon.

Visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain and summit snow, also very poor in hill fog that becomes relatively extensive for the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius increasing 10 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 2 increasing plus 4 Celsius late evening
Freezing level: 900m lifting above all summits for the evening

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